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President:	Mr. Denisov	(Russian Federation)
Members:	Algeria	Mr. Benmehidi
	Angola	Mr. Antonio
	Benin	Mr. Zinsou
	Brazil	Mr. Valle
	Chile	Mr. Acuña
	China	Mr. Zhang Yishan
	France	Mr. Duclos
	Germany	Mr. Von Ungern-Sternberg
	Pakistan	Mr. Khalid
	Philippines	Mr. Mercado
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	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	Mr. Thomson
	United States of America	Ms. Patterson

Agenda

The situation in Burundi

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The meeting was called to order at 6.35 p.m.

Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted.

The situation in Burundi

The President (*spoke in Russian*): The Security Council will now begin its consideration of the item on its agenda. The Security Council is meeting in accordance with the understanding reached in its prior consultations.

Following consultations among members of the Security Council, I have been authorized to make the following statement on behalf of the Council:

"The Security Council condemns with the utmost firmness the massacre of refugees from the Democratic Republic of the Congo which occurred on the territory of Burundi, in Gatumba, on 13 August 2004.

"The Security Council requests the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Burundi, in close contact with the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for the Democratic Republic of the Congo, to establish the facts and report on them to the Council as quickly as possible.

"The Security Council calls upon the authorities of Burundi and of the Democratic Republic of the Congo to cooperate actively so that the perpetrators and those responsible for these crimes be brought to justice without delay.

"The Security Council calls upon all States in the region to ensure that the territorial integrity of their neighbours is respected. It recalls in this respect the Declaration of Principles on Good-Neighbourly Relations and Cooperation, adopted in New York on 25 September 2003. It encourages them to redouble their efforts in order to provide security for the civilian populations on their territory, including for the foreigners to whom they grant refuge.

"The Security Council requests the United Nations Operation in Burundi and the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo to offer their assistance to the Burundian and Congolese authorities with a view to facilitating the investigation and to strengthening the security of vulnerable populations."

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The Security Council has thus concluded the present stage of its consideration of the item on its agenda.

The meeting rose at 6.40 p.m.